

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1, 3-6 and 8-15 as follows, the amendments being shown by brackets and underscoring in the Appendix hereto:

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1. (Amended) A pressure-sensitive tape for closing, sealing or gluing joints in house construction, including joints in corners and edges, comprising a backing layer, an adhesive layer supported by the backing layer, and a peelable protective film resting on the adhesive layer, wherein the protective film has at least one slit in a longitudinal direction and the tape is folded upon itself in a transverse direction along the slit in such a manner that at least a portion of the protective film is disposed on the outside and that at least a lateral longitudinal section is provided, said section being perforated.

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3. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing comprises paper and/or a plastic film and the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

4. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing is hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

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5. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the adhesive layer has a non-adhering central strip and the protective film is slit along a line between the non-adhering central strip and the adjoining adhesive layer and is folded along the line.

6. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein said folded tape is in the form of a roll.

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8. (Amended) The combination of the tape of claim 6 and a dispenser, the dispenser storing the tape and being adapted for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

9. (Amended) The combination of claim 8, wherein means are provided at least at the folded side of the tape for preventing adhesion to the dispenser.

10. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide when not folded.

11. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein two lateral longitudinal sections, which are perforated, are provided.

12. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein a non-adhering central strip is provided and the perforated longitudinal section is at a distance from the central strip.

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13. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing, the adhesive layer and the protective film are perforated.

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14. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing consists of an open-pored material which exhibits good adhesion properties for plaster.

15. (Amended) The tape of claim 1 or 2, wherein the perforated section has openings with an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

17. (Amended) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

18. (Amended) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser is comprised of cardboard.